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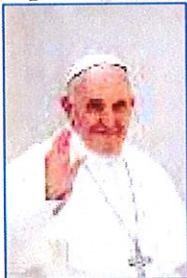
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**Pope Francis' Thought for the Day**



The Lenten journey begins. I invite each of you to live this time in an authentic spirit of penance and conversion, like a return to the Father, who awaits us all with open arms.

**Welsh Words/Phrases**

Pwy sy yma? – Who is here?

Syt wyt ti? – How are you?

Da iawn diolch – Very well thank you

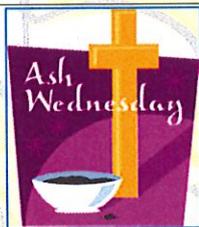
Dewch yma – Come here

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### Eco Committee

Well done to the Eco Committee who met with Wrexham Council this week to improve recycling in the school.

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### Ash Wednesday

Diolch to Canon Simon Treloar for facilitating the Ash Wednesday services on Wednesday. A group of Year 6 children were specially commissioned by Canon to administer the ashes in both FP and KS 2 services and all children carried out their roles effectively and respectfully. Diolch yn fawr iawn. Diolch also to all children who took part in the services and to Mrs Wilkinson and Mrs Shaw for their support and preparation.

Please remember to bring in any loose change to put in the Cafod box during Lent.

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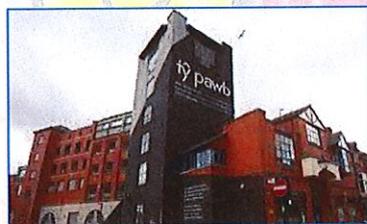


### Learning Walk 7.3.19

Yesterday, I was extremely proud to join Mr Dafydd Rhys (GWE) and Mr Droog (Chair of Governors) on a whole school Learning Walk which focused on Assessment for Learning strategies and cross curricular rich learning experiences. It was our pleasure to work alongside the children and to see how wonderfully engaged they are in their learning experiences in St Mary's. All children were keen and confident to talk to all adults about their work and all demonstrated enthusiasm and motivation. It was very evident how the school's emphasis on using our 'Learning Powers' and being aware of 'Learning Zones' was having a very positive impact on the children's understanding of the learning process. Talking partners was a practice that was well-embedded across the school and the emphasis on rich literacy/ numeracy and ICT focused learning was a particularly notable good feature.

Da iawn pawb. Well- deserved praise for super staff and children!

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### Year 5 Ty Pawb

Year 5 started their art project at Ty Pawb this week. They were led by the artist Wendy Connolly who began by revisiting the wonderful tapestries of Grayson Perry which are on view at Ty Pawb. She then demonstrated various techniques using charcoal which the children thoroughly enjoyed. The children then used a variety of coloured paper, chalk and oil pastels to create shapes which will eventually create a large visual narrative of a school timeline. The Mayor of Wrexham happened to be at another event at Ty Pawb but he made time to come and have a chat with the children. This will be a weekly occurrence and Year 5 are very much looking forward to see what it is they can create over the coming weeks.

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### **Big Lottery Fund – Nursery Grounds**

The landscapers have made a start on the nursery grounds which is being funded through the Big Lottery Fund. We are hoping to start planting later in the year with each year group taking part. Watch this space!

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### **CAFOD**

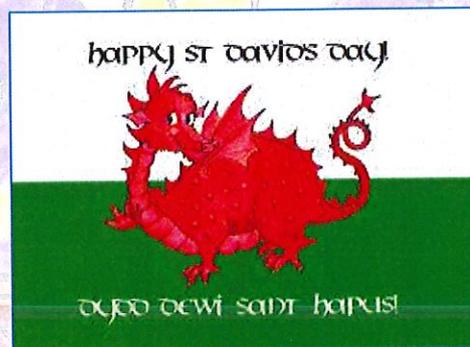
Thank you to Jayden's grandfather who has kindly made a donation to CAFOD.

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### **Welsh National Football Finals – Cardiff**

Several of our pupils represented the Wrexham football School Boys and have qualified for the National Welsh Finals in Cardiff on 30<sup>th</sup> March, by winning their North Wales group. The boys involved are Nikolas, Callum and Cole.

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### **St David's Day- Eisteddfod**

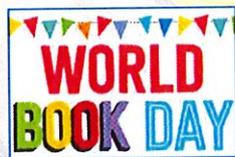
As St David's Day (1<sup>st</sup> March) falls during half term this year, we will be holding our annual Eisteddfod on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. All children are invited to come to school dressed in traditional Welsh costume, in Welsh colours or in Welsh rugby/ football shirts. We look forward to a special day celebrating our Welsh culture. Details of competitions/ events will follow on individual class Seesaw accounts. Diolch.

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### **Parents' Evenings**

The Years 1 to 6 Parents' Evenings are to be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure you return your form requesting an appointment by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Reception will be sending out their own letter shortly.

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### **World Book Day**

What a fantastic response! We have enjoyed celebrating World Book day in our classes and in whole school assembly. It was great to see so many children dressed in wonderful costumes! Well done everyone. The KS 2 Librarians held a competition to select the best World book day costumes in each class. Please see below

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Thank you also to all children for bringing 'pre-loved' books to send to Africa via the Cariad charity and to Mrs Kightly- Wodjyta for suggesting this wonderful idea. Diolch o galon.

The Reward slip draw winners for February are Katy (Y2 Robins) and Nicki (Y6 Gwaun)

Da iawn pawb! Super work!



**Urdd Dates**

The first local Dance round is Wednesday March 20<sup>th</sup> and if we are successful the second round is Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**THESE ARE THE CONFIRMED TEACHER TRAINING/ INSET DAYS 2018/2019**

**(No School for children on these days)**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019



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*R. J. Wodjyta*